Completion of Grid Station at Banka

†1472. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted permission for setting up of a Grid in Banka district of Bihar;

(b) whether Government are aware that land for the Grid station has been acquired in Banka and initial work on Grid had started;

(c) whether Government are also aware that work on Grid station is incomplete;

(d) by when Government would get Grid station completed; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The Bihar State Electricity Board has confirmed that a sub-station at Banka has been sanctioned and that land for the sub-station has been acquired and the preliminary work has commenced. Work of the sub-station could not be completed owing to paucity of funds and also due to the submergence of the selected site in the floods of 1995-96. The Bihar State Electricity Board confirmed that an alternative site is under consideration and the Board is also undertaking negotiations for completion of the sub-station and connected transmission work.

Directions of DVB

1473. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Union Government have pulled up DVB for its poor performance on all fronts and asked the Delhi Government to take immediate steps for its privatisation, as reported in the Statesman dated 10th November, 1999;

(b) if so, whether the DVB's performance report has been scrutinized by the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details of other guidelines issued to the DVB/Delhi Government to face power crisis in the capital?

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